

REMARKS

Upon entry of the amendments, claims 227-248 will be pending in this application. Applicants have canceled claims 117-226 without prejudice or disclaimer. Support for new claims 227-248 can be found throughout the application, for example, at page 14, line 29 through page 15, line 11; page 35, lines 21-24; page 39, lines 21-33; page 40, lines 7-8 and lines 28-32; Examples 1, 3, and 5; in Table 27; Figure 10; and originally filed claim 78.

Priority

The Office Action at pages 2-3 alleges that claims 136-139, 185, and 215 are not entitled to any priority claim made in the application and instead are entitled to a filing date of October 25, 2001, and claims 117-135, 140-147, 180-184, 186-206, 210, 212, 214, 216-226 are entitled to a priority date of only April 17, 2001. Applicants disagree, however, Applicants have canceled claims 117-226, thereby rendering this point moot.

Abstract of the Specification

The Office Action at page 4 objects to the abstract of the application, alleging in part that "Applicants should amend the abstract so that it corresponds to at least one independent claim." While not conceding in the correctness of this objection, Applicants have amended the abstract as indicated in the amendments presented herein, and submit that it satisfies the requirements of MPEP § 608.01(b).

The Office Action further alleges that "the abstract is objected to because it does not include the technical disclosure of the improvement." Applicants submit that such a disclosure is not required because the present application is not drawn to an "improvement."

Applicants respectfully request that the objections to the abstract be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

The Office Action at page 4 alleges that claims 117-147, 180-206, 210, 212, and 214-226 are indefinite. Solely in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicants have canceled claims 117-226, thereby obviating this rejection.

35 U.S.C. § 102/103

Heddle and Rowley

The Office Action at page 5 alleges that claims 117-139, 183-206, 210, 212, and 214-226 are anticipated by, or obvious in light of, Heddle and Rowley (*Immunology* 29:185 (1975)), as evidenced by Roitt et al. (Immunology, 6th ed., New York, Mosby 2001, pages 67-70 and 80). Without conceding any correctness to these allegations, Applicants have canceled claims 117-226, thereby obviating this rejection.

Hrneir et al.

The Office Action at page 9 alleges that claims 117-147, 180-206, 210, 212, and 214-226 are anticipated by, or obvious in light of, Hrneir et al. (*Vnitrní Lekarství* 36:1041-1049 (1999); translation provided by the Office), as evidenced by Roitt et al. (Immunology, 6th ed., New York, Mosby 2001, pages 67-70 and 80). Solely in the interest of expediting prosecution of this application, Applicants have canceled claims 117-226, thereby obviating this rejection.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that claims 227-248 are in condition for allowance, which action is expeditiously requested. Applicants do not concede any positions of the Examiner that are not expressly addressed above.

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Enclosed is a \$225 check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 10280-140003.

Respectfully submitted,

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